News release

Michael Fish awarded MBE

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Michael Fish, Britain's longest-serving TV weather forecaster, and probably the best known, has been honoured by being appointed a member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Currently, Michael is on his way back from the Middle East where he has been talking on a subject close to his heart - that of global warming. In a statement he said: "I am surprised and deeply honoured to be appointed an MBE, which I accept on behalf of all my colleagues at the Met Office and BBC, without whom it wouldn't have been possible. I'm happy to think that I have helped to promote a greater understanding of the science of meteorology and hopefully to have improved peoples' quality of life throughout the world by helping them plan their day to day life."

Michael Fish's broadcasting career began in 1971 when he started forecasting for BBC Radio and in January 1974 became part of BBC Television's weather team and continues to present across the BBC channels. Michael is now one of the longest serving Broadcast Meteorologists in the world. He has made many appearances on television and radio shows ranging from light entertainment to factual programmes. He has also been involved in the training of television weathermen in various African countries.

He has written numerous articles on travel and weather and acted as consultant for several meteorological books.

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